

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

MINORIITES WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Declaring Jain Community as Religious Minority in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Notification - Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (V&C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 89.

Dated: 8th March, 2011.

Read:

Representation of Sri Nirmal Kumar Jain Sethi, National President, Shri Bharatvarshiya Digamber Jain (D.S.) Mahasabha, New Delhi, dated 10-01-2011.

ORDER:

In the representation read above, Sri Nirmal Kumar Jain Sethi, National President, Shri Bharatvarshiya Digamber Jain (D.S.) Mahasabha, New Delhi, has stated that as per Article (30) of the Constitution of India, a community can be declared as Minority, based on religion and language. Those Minorities will have certain privileges like running educational Institutions exclusively for their Minority Community. Janab A.R. Antulay, the then Minister for Minority Affairs in his letter dated 08-01-2007, to the Chief Minister had stated that a religious community which is less than 0.5 % will definitely fall under the category of religious Minority Community and they should be formally notified by the respective State Governments as Religious Minority Community. In the State of Andhra Pradesh as per Census-2001, the Jain population is 41,846 out of the total population of 7.6 Crores. The population of Jain is 0.1 % only. Jains belong to a distinct religion different from Hinduism. In these circumstances, he has requested the Government to notify the Jain Community as Religious Minority in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, in their Letter F.No.1-28/2009-NCM, dated 30th July, 2010, has stated that, for the purpose of determining the Minority, the unit should be State and not whole of India. Thus, the religious and linguistic Minority under Article 30 of the Constitution of Idnia, will be considered State-wise.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, decided to notify the Jain Community, who are residing in the State of Andhra Pradesh as Religious Minority in addition to the other Minority Community already notified.

4. The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

“in view of the Law laid down by the Supreme Court of India in T.M.A. Pai Foundation V/s. State of Karnataka [2002 (8)] Scale (1) and clarification given by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India in their Letter F.No.1-28/2009-NCM., dated 30-07-2010, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby declares that the “Jain Community” is a Minority Community in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the purpose of Clause (1) of Article 30 of the Constitution of India”.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**LINGARAJ PANIGRAHI,
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